

Triple Crown & Crown Jewel DanceSport Events

Guidebook / Rules & Regulations

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General Information

Triple Crown DanceSport Championships

- ◆ Retain this Book thru Triple Crown & Crown Jewel 2015/16 events.

All guidelines and forms herein are necessary to attend the Southeastern States, Southern States, Crown Jewel, and Florida State DanceSport Championships. Please make copies of enclosed forms as necessary.

- ◆ Contact Us

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- ◆ Visit Us Online / www.triplecrowndance.com

- ◆ **The Southeastern States DanceSport Championships**

The Renaissance at SeaWorld Orlando - Orlando, FL

November 29 - December 3, 2017

www.sestatesdance.com (And click on competitors/registration.)

- ◆ **The Southern States DanceSport Championships**

The Ritz-Carlton - New Orleans, LA

March 27 - April 1, 2018

www.sostatesdance.com (And click on competitors/registration.)

- ◆ **The Crown Jewel of DanceSport Championships**

The Ritz - Carlton South Beach - Miami Beach, FL

May 17- 21, 2018

www.crownjewelofdancesport.com (And click on competitors/registration.)

- ◆ **The Florida State DanceSport Championships**

The Ritz-Carlton - Sarasota, FL

August 1 - 5, 2017

www.flstatedance.com (And click on competitors/registration.)

- ◆ We need your help...

It is virtually impossible for us to provide optimal service if information is not provided to us in a timely manner. We **MUST** have your adherence to deadlines and deposit requirements if we are to secure reservations, meals, awards, etc. on your behalf—and at our advertised prices. For those individuals who find themselves in the unfortunate position of being latecomers—we highly recommend you call for reservation and price availability prior to submission. **It is important to secure reservations as early as possible.**

- ◆ Please make checks payable **ONLY** to:

Dance Consultants Unlimited, Inc.

Only cash, money orders, or cashier's checks will be accepted after deadline!

Guidelines



Remember!

- ▶ To sign the Participation Form indicating you agree with the Release terms.
- ▶ To include a \$300 per person deposit.
- ▶ To postmark information by the deadline!
- ▶ To make payments via cash or cashier's check after deadline.

◆ Recognitions

The Triple Crown & Crown Jewel DanceSport Events™ are NDCA, and WDC recognized. As such, the championships and associated participants must adhere to each organization's applicable guidelines.

◆ Competing Professionals

Professional couples must present proof of their current year's registration with the National Dance Council of America (NDCA) as well as their social security number, home address, email and cell/home telephone number for tax purposes.

◆ Amateur Couples

Amateur couples must present proof of their current year's registration with the National Dance Council of America (NDCA).

◆ Foreigners

All foreigners (i.e. competitors, adjudicators, instructors, etc.) must complete United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form 8233 in order to be exempt from the nonresident alien 30% withholding requirement.

◆ Deadline Rules

Dance Consultants Unlimited, Inc. reserves the right to apply any or all of the following:

- ▷ Deny the processing of accommodation reservations, dance entries, etc. until a \$300 deposit per participant has been received.
- ▷ Pay purses at half of the advertised amount or cancel events which have two or less couples entered by the deadline.
- ▷ Extend an early-bird pricing to those entries postmarked on or before the deadline.
- ▷ Assess a \$50 processing fee for each participant who has submitted paperwork after the deadline. (See inside front cover for deadline dates)

◆ Cancellations and Refunds

- ▷ All deposits and entry fees are nonrefundable so as to cover the expenses associated with processing and/or reprocessing information.
- ▷ Cancellations of any kind (i.e. tickets, room nights, packages, etc.) made 96 hours prior to arrival are nonrefundable. A cancellation of a "Paid in Full" package is nonrefundable if cancelled two weeks prior to the event.

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30-Days

Should DCU, Inc. issue a credit, every attempt will be made to process it within 30-days following the conclusion of the event.

- ▷ Cancellations due to injury or illness, substantiated by a valid medical report, shall be taken into consideration with regard to a hardship case credit or refund. It is important to note that should a credit or refund be awarded Dance Consultants Unlimited, Inc. is entitled to retain a processing fee and/or costs already incurred.
- ▷ Acts of God, war, strikes, government regulations, disasters, civil unrest, labor disputes, transportation availability, shortage of materials or any other emergency making it inadvisable or impossible to provide the facility and/or services associated with the production of a ballroom dance event do not pose a refund situation.
- ▷ Any student, professional, studio owner or spectator making a claim, dispute, or nonpayment requiring Dance Consultants Unlimited, Inc. to hire legal council shall be held solely liable and responsible for the cost of said legal council and any and all associated fees arising thereof.

◆ Dance Styles

American Smooth Theatre Arts International Ballroom
 American Rhythm Country Western International Latin

◆ Dance Levels

• Primary

Bronze Gold
 Silver Above Gold

• Secondary (Breakdown):

Newcomer (Bronze only)	Preliminary	Advanced
Beginner	Intermediate	Open
	Full	One-Dances

◆ Age Categories

• Pro/Am and Amateur Events

Excluding Triple Crown Scholarship Challenges

PTA Under 6	PT2 10-11	B2 53-60
PBT 6-7	J1 12-13	B3 61-68
PTC 8-9	J2 14-15	C1 69-76
AA 16-28	YTH 16-18	C2 77-84
A1 16-28	A3 37-44	C3 85-92
A2 29-36	↓ B1 45-52	D1 93 & Over

Two Age Categories

Students may enter two age categories. First, the age category in which their age actually falls. Second, the age category directly below/younger than the actual.

Note

Pro/Am and Amateur Multi-Dance Championships are available in ALL of the age categories!

('AA' age category is only available to students whose actual age category is 'A1'—so that they may have an equal opportunity to dance in two age categories.)

• Pro/Am and Amateur Triple Crown Scholarship Challenges

J1 Under 13	J2 13-17	AA 16-36	A 16-36
B 37-54	C 55-72	D 73 & Above	

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New Category Info.

◆ Professional Dance Events

- Rising Star Championships (Multi-Dance, Theatre Arts)
- Rising Star Grand Championship
- Open Championships (Multi-Dance, Theatre Arts and Showdance)
- Open Grand Championship
- Milly Nyman Theatre Arts Challenge of the Continents
 - The top three pro couples winning in the Open Theatre Arts Championships at the Florida State will be the competitors in the Challenge of the Continents. A unique, personal music and costume selection is permitted and encouraged.

Pro/Am and Amateur Dance Events

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Closed Freestyles | Exhibition Routines |
| Advanced Freestyles | Theatre Arts Routines |
| Open Freestyles | Showcase & Formation Routines |
| One-Dance Championships | Holiday Routines (SE States only) |
| Multi-Dance Championships | Open Theatre Arts Championships |
| Triple Crown Challenges | Dancesport Series Events |

- ◆ Please note that we are now offering entries in the **Proficiency category**. In this category you will compete against a point system instead of other competitors. All levels can be entered as proficiency except multi-dance & scholarships. Please just check proficiency box on the entry form. **The points from proficiency categories will count as half of the value toward Top Awards including Top Teacher and Top Studio**
- ◆ **“Rising Star” Complete Bronze, Silver, Gold & Above Gold Division” Offered Now In All Age Categories. Fill Out On It’s Own Special Entry Form. You Can Enter In Two Age Levels.**
- ◆ **Pro/Am and Amateur Dance Event Guidelines**

Participants may enter separate levels per the four dance styles. Furthermore, they may enter the following in two age categories:

- j **Four consecutively Closed Freestyles**
Examples of four consecutively closed levels are Beg, **Preliminary**, Intermediate, and Full Gold - OR - **Preliminary**, Intermediate & Full Bronze and Beg. Silver.
The only exception to this rule is that a Bronze Student dancing for the first time at each Triple Crown Event may enter the Newcomer, Beginner, **Preliminary**, Intermediate, and Full Bronze.
- k The Advanced Freestyles (Open) (CLOSED SCHOLARSHIPS IN
- l The Open Freestyles (Open) BRONZE & SILVER , AGES A-B-C)
- m The One-Dance Championships (Open) (9 DANCE & 10 DANCE CHAMP
- n The Multi-Dance Championships (Open) NO AGE & NO LEVEL.)
- o The Triple Crown Scholarship Challenges (Open)
- p **Closed bronze & closed silver scholarships** (Closed)

◆ Time Limitations

A time of two and one half minutes shall be placed on the length of exhibitions, showcases, formations and theatre arts. Routines in excess of this limit will result in penalties and additional entry fees.

Forms

Go to...
www.triplecrowndance.com



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F Adjudication F

Impression Judging shall be used by adjudicators to evaluate performances. The final results shall be determined using the Skating System.

◆ Syllabus

• **Bronze Footwork**

Participants must use closed footwork in all Bronze smooth dances. Continuity styling will not be permitted.

• **Styling and Figures**

Penalty points will be assessed to American style performances should they contain International styling or figures.

Participants in closed International Latin and Ballroom events will be permitted to dance only ISTD figures per their respective category.

Open footwork will be permitted in the Advanced Freestyles as it already applies to the Open Freestyles.

• **Lifts**

Participants may include lifts in only the Theatre Arts Cabaret, Theatrical Ballroom and Showdance events. **Only 3 lifts allowed in Showdance**

◆ Qualifications

• **Scholarships**

Students qualify for Fl. State, Crown Jewel, Se. States & So. States scholarships when they attend on a minimum 'B' package. You also may enter Triple Crown Scholarship Challenges & purchase 10 dance entries in the Style in which you would like to be considered and not required to be on package.

The Southeastern, Southern States & Crown Jewel

250... entries qualifies for..... 1st
200... entries qualifies for..... 2nd
175... entries qualifies for..... 3rd
150... entries qualifies for..... 4th
100... entries qualifies for..... 5th

The Florida State

275... entries qualifies for..... 1st
250... entries qualifies for..... 2nd
225... entries qualifies for..... 3rd
200... entries qualifies for..... 4th
175... entries qualifies for..... 5th
150... entries qualifies for..... 6th
125... entries qualifies for..... 7th
100... entries qualifies for..... 8th
100... entries qualifies for..... 9th
100... entries qualifies for..... 10th

• **Gift Certificates**

Certificates apply after the purchase of ten dance entries.

• **Professional Couple**

Competing professionals qualify for the special purse after the purchase of a minimum of two 'B' packages.

Both pros or one pro and one student.

◀◀ **Top Teacher**

Qualifying Points

• **Top Teachers**

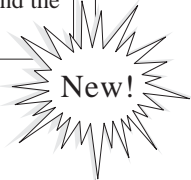
Teachers may qualify for purses in two ways:

Purchase a min. of dance entries. (see qualifying points-left)

Attend on a minimum of a 'B' package and have three or more students attend on a minimum 'B' package.

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The will be NO deduction of points for uncontested events as this is beyond the competitor's control.



The points from proficiency categories will count as half of the value toward Top Awards including Top Teacher and Top Studio.

Lots of Points!

The Pro/Am and Amateur Multi-Dance Championships and Triple Crown Multi-Dance Scholarship Challenges Closed Bronze & Silver Scholarships 9 & 10 Dance Championships offer one point per dance entered plus the points earned upon placement.

CLARIFICATION

Points that will, and will NOT count.

New-latecomer (not printed in the program) attendees' points will count toward top awards, scholarships, etc. However, pre-registered attendees' write-in points will not be counted; unless, the necessity for the write-in is due to a DCU, Inc. data processing error.)

Hardship partner replacement points will be considered on a per situation basis. Standard policy dictates whomever dances - receives points earned.

◆ Point Allocations

• Pro/Am and Amateur Events

(excluding Multi-Dance Champs. and Triple Crown Multi-Dance Scholarship Challenges)

per entry	1 point
1st place (contested).....	3 points
1st place (uncontested).....	3 points
2nd place (contested).....	2 points
2nd place (uncontested).....	2 point
3rd place (contested).....	1 point

• Pro/Am and Amateur Multi-Dance Championships

per dance	1 point
1st place (contested).....	3 points
1st place (uncontested).....	3 points
2nd place (contested).....	2 points
2nd place (uncontested).....	2 point
3rd place (contested).....	1 point

• Triple Crown Scholarship Challenges

per dance	1 point
1st place.....	3 points
2nd place.....	2 points
3rd place.....	1 points

• Exhibitions, Showcases, Formations and Theatre Arts Events

per entry.....	1 point
1st place.....	3 points..... (100-90)
2nd place.....	2 points..... (89-80)
3rd place.....	1 point..... (79 and under)

The actual adjudication marks are converted to placements and points.

• Professional Events

1st place.....	5 points
2nd place.....	4 points
3rd place.....	3 points
finalist.....	2 points
semifinalist.....	1 point

Attention!

DCU, Inc. reserves the right to cancel any event or pay scholarships, cash purses, etc. at half the advertised amount if, by the deadline date, two or less couples are scheduled to compete.

Triple Crown Guidelines

◆ Triple Crown Dance Events

- ▷ Participants are provided the opportunity to satisfy their avenue of dancing, whether it be the quality and/or quantity of dances. Quality is satisfied by entering events such as the Triple Crown Scholarship Challenges and quantity is satisfied by an automatic participation in an accumulated point system.
- ▷ Participants automatically accumulate points when they attend a Triple Crown DanceSport Event™ on a minimum 'B' package and purchase ten dance entries in the style in which they wish to compete (American or International). At the culmination of the Triple Crown year, The Florida State DanceSport Championships, participants who earn the most points per advertised categories are honored as Triple Crown Champions!
- ▷ Participants, are required to attend and dance in a minimum of two (One being the Florida State) Triple Crown DanceSport Events™. **However, must be present at the Triple Crown Award Ceremony to receive scholarships, etc.** The upcoming Triple Crown Events are listed on the inside front cover of this publication. Participants, are required to dance in the same ages & levels of all Challenges from the start of the Triple Crown Year, including at the Florida State to receive jackets, awards & scholarships, etc.
- ▷ Rising Star & Open Professional couples must also attend and dance in a minimum of two Triple Crown DanceSport Events™ per series year **and be present and purchase a breakfast ticket, if not on package at the Triple Crown Award Ceremony to receive jackets, awards & scholarships, etc.**
- ▷ The Rising Star Triple Crown Challenges Scholarships are available to students at the Bronze & Silver level as long as they have not won them in Silver. Level. The Open Triple Crown Challenges are reserved for those students who have achieved levels of Silver and greater.
- ▷ Participants may enter the Rising Star and the Open Triple Crown Challenges per Rhythm, Smooth, Ballroom and Latin. **Please read one paragraph above.**
- ▷ Participants may use multi-dance events to satisfy the ten dance scholarship requirement per style at each Triple Crown DanceSport Events™
- ▷ Participants shall be awarded one point per Challenge entered. Except in the Triple Crown Multi-Dance Scholarship Challenges where one point per dance will be awarded. Upon placing: three points for first, two points for second, and one point for third will be added. Proficiency is 1/2 this.
- ▷ Participants shall receive one half of the advertised scholarship amount in any Triple Crown Challenge which contains two or less competing couples by the advertised deadline.

The Triple Crown Scholarships and Awards

see accompanying literature

- ☞ Exhibitions
- ☞ Theatre Arts
- ☞ Showcases/Formations
- ☞ Multi-Dance Challenges
- ☞ Newcomer Students
- ☞ Students per level
- ☞ Overall Students
- ☞ Studios
- ☞ Teachers
- ☞ R.S. & Open Pro Couples